

TOWN OF GROTON

**173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450
Historic Districts Commission
January 26, 2021
7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Members Present: Peter Benedict, Maureen Giattino, George Wheatley, Greg Premru,
Members Absent: Elaine Chamberlain, Elena Beleno Carney, and Laura Moore
Others Present: Attorney Robert Collins, Glenn Burlamachi and The Groton Channel
Admin Assistant: Kara Cruikshank

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Chair Peter Benedict

Sign Permit Application- 45 School Street- Badger Funeral Home
Applicant: Glenn Burlamachi

This application was for a replacement sign permit. The proposed sign will measure 37 inches by 26 inches. Glenn Burlamachi was present, virtually, for the meeting. Mr. Burlamachi shared the photos of the proposed sign and a cut sheet of the proposed light fixture. He explained it is very dark outside at the funeral home so he would like to illuminate the walkway with a light. There is no light fixture there currently. The proposed pole is 8 feet (below the lantern). The existing pole is 7 feet tall. Mr. Burlamachi plans to trim the bottom branches of the tree above pole in the summer. The sign will be in the exact location as the current standing.

Commissioner Questions/Comments:

Ms. Giattino liked the sign and the chosen colors. She was a bit concerned with the height of the pole and the light with the neighbors. Ms. Giattino suggested having a timer on the light or only the light turned on during calling hours.

Mr. Premru liked sign, the size of the post and the lantern.

Mr. Wheatley liked the sign.

Chair Benedict suggested having the lantern turn off with a timer and the sign lights turned on with a switch during calling hours.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the sign permit application for a sign, post and light with a timer for submission at Badger Funeral home at 45 School Street. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

186 Main Street- Attorney Robert Collins was present, virtually, to represent the homeowners. Attorney Collins explained the homeowners would like to make a few modifications to the landscape design at 186 Main Street. He explained, the granite retaining walls incorporated along the front have successfully improved the appearance of the grade change previously. The homeowners would like to incorporate some additional granite that would be following the same design along the North façade. The left side will replicate the right side. They will be adding a few additional plantings, as well.

Mr. Premru made a motion to accept the revised landscape plan. Ms. Giattino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

197 Main Street- The homeowners withdrew their application (1/16/2021).

Public Hearing- 111 Farmers Row-

Applicant- David E Ross Associates

Owner- Prescott Development

Mr. Benedict read the legal notice aloud.

GROTON HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

111 Farmers Row

ASSESSORS MAP 107-1

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Groton Historic Districts Commission (GHDC) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7:30 pm. This meeting will be held remotely. Abutters and interested persons may participate in the hearing by following the instructions which will be provided at the beginning of the meeting. This meeting will be held to consider the application submitted by David E Ross Associates, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for 111 Farmers Row, Assessors Map 107-1, owner, Prescott Development, for the construction of a new single-family residential home, driveway, and supporting infrastructure, including new sewage disposal system and stormwater management areas. Property owner: Prescott Development, Shirley, MA 01464 Assessors Map 107-1. Copies of the application and supporting materials are available for review by contacting the GHDC via the Land Use Dept, 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

Mr. Benedict read an email that was sent from applicant, Kevin Mark- David E. Ross Associates that stated they were requesting a continuance of the HDC Public Hearing regarding 111 Farmers Row project until February 2021, in order to prepare additional materials.

Ms. Giattino made a motion to approve the continuance of the Public Hearing for 111 Farmers Row to the February 2021 meeting. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

2020 Annual Report – Administrative assistant, Kara Cruikshank shared the draft version of the 2020 Groton Annual Report to seek feedback from the Commissioners prior to submission. The HDC all agreed every proposed and approved project within the district is equally valued. Ms. Cruikshank thanked the commissioners for their input and was going to revise the report, then resend it out to commissioners prior to submission.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Giattiono approved the amended minutes from July 21, 2020, October 20, 2020, November 17, 2020 and December 15, 2020. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18

Respectfully Submitted: 2/17/2021